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Introduction

This section contains a list of the recommended equipment needed to support a detector dog team at a work location. The equipment should be acquired as soon as possible. The list is divided between the equipment supplied by NDDTC when the Canine Officer attends Basic Canine Officer Training (BCOT), and the equipment supplied by the field at the work location. **Canine Officers are not authorized to use any additional equipment without approval from the RCPC.**

NDDTC Supplied Equipment and Supplies

The following are supplied by NDDTC:

- ◆ **Collars** (see [Appendix D](#) for more information about collars including Elizabethan and Martingale collars)
 - ❖ Slip
 - ❖ Nylon
- ◆ **Leashes (Regular and Retractable)**, (see [Appendix D](#) for more information)
- ◆ **Jackets** (see [Appendix D](#) for more information)
- ◆ **Grooming Kit** (see [Appendix D](#) for more information)
- ◆ **Crates/Portable Kennels** (see [Appendix D](#) for more information)
- ◆ **Reward Pouch** (see [Appendix D](#) for more information)
- ◆ Water bucket, 2-quart stainless steel
- ◆ Detector dog **First Aid Kit** (see [Appendix D](#) for more information)
- ◆ National Detector Dog Manual

Field Supplied Equipment and Supplies

The following are supplied by the field and should be acquired as soon as possible:

- ◆ Vehicle (see [Appendix E](#) for **Shipping and Daily Transporting Detector Dogs**. See [Appendix D](#) for a list of safety requirements under **Vehicles**.)
- ◆ Collars and leashes, additional
- ◆ Crate pads (see [Appendix D](#) for more information under **Crates/Portable Kennels**; see [Appendix E](#) for **Shipping Detector Dogs**.)
- ◆ Additional crates—one for vehicle (wire cage), one for the office, and one for each inspectional site, such as post office or airport
- ◆ Additional water buckets, 2-quart stainless steel
- ◆ Flea comb
- ◆ Pooper scooper
- ◆ Styptic powder to help stop bleeding caused by trimming nails and minor cuts
- ◆ Communication device for safety, such as car phone or 2-way radio (as directed by the region or work location)
- ◆ Credit card for purchasing supplies—minimum of one at a work location for the detector dog team
- ◆ **Refrigerators** for storing training aids designated for the detector dog team (see [Appendix D](#) for more information)
- ◆ Air-tight containers for storing training aids in the refrigerator(s)
- ◆ Target items, i.e., meats (pork and beef), fruits and vegetables, soil, plants, seeds, etc.



The amount and type of target and nontarget items will vary among work locations and should be determined locally by Canine Officers. As a guide, the more the better; you need a sufficient amount to create realistic passenger baggage scenarios for training exercises, including boxes.

- ◆ Nontarget items typical of flights encountered at the work location, i.e., cosmetics, toiletries, candy, chips, coffee, cheeses, fish, bread, chocolate, etc.
- ◆ Filler items, i.e., clothes, shoes, etc.
- ◆ Cardboard boxes and paper bags (see [Appendix D](#) under **Suitcases, Boxes, and Contents** for more information)

- ◆ Suitcases and handbags—minimum of 50 hard and soft cases in a variety of sizes; including 50 percent handbags, backpacks, purses; excluding target cases (see **Appendix D** under **Suitcases, Boxes, and Contents** for more information). Additionally, maintain 25 boxes.
- ◆ Access to:
 - ❖ Office equipment for preparing and distributing reports, such as a computer, a FAX machine, an assigned e-mail address for Lotus Notes[®]
 - ❖ A storage area for training equipment, such as suitcases, boxes, refrigerators, target and nontarget items, filler items
 - ❖ A storage area for crates
 - ❖ Digital camera
 - ❖ Video camera (camcorder)

